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In re application of: Lal et al.**Application No. 09/763,397****Filed: February 16, 2001****Confirmation No. 4907****For: RECOMBINANT MULTIVALENT
MALARIAL VACCINE AGAINST
PLASMODIUM FALCIPARUM****Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford****Art Unit: 1645****Attorney Reference No. 6395-57049****FACSIMILE NUMBER (703) 872-9306
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I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as being attached or enclosed herewith are being facsimile transmitted to fax number (703) 872-9306 on the date shown below.

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Tanya M. Harding, Ph.D.Date Transmitted January 15, 2004**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**

This Amendment and Response to Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the final Office action, dated October 15, 2003. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before January 15, 2004. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Conclusion of this Amendment is on page 7.

Exhibit A to this Amendment is attached as page 8.